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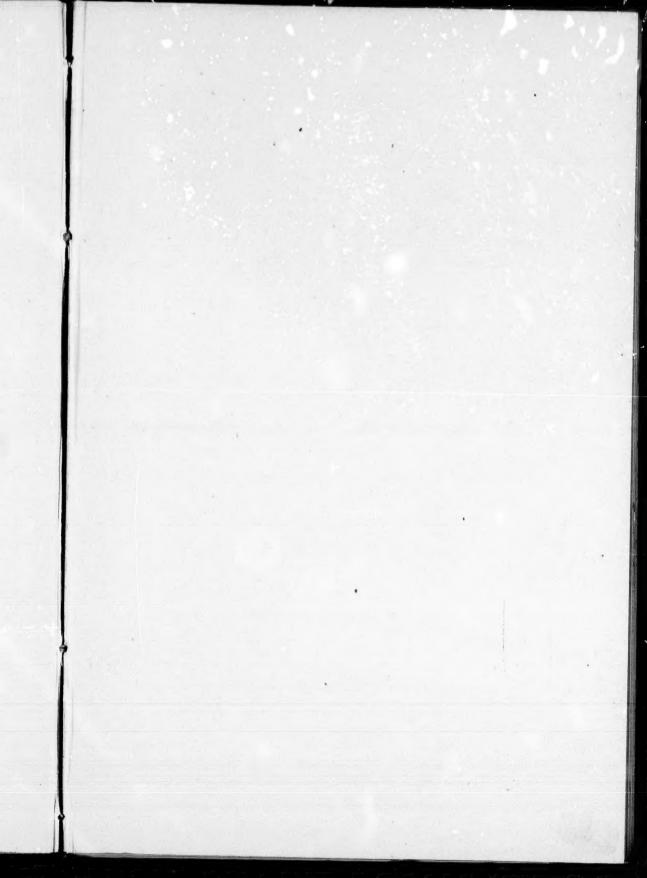


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GREETING.

A glance at a map of the country adjacent to our Great Lakes, will show that a large number of Indian Names of places, rivers, et cetera, have been retained in their original or in a mutilated form; and it is with some of these, of Algonkin origin, with which we deal, in order to rescue from oblivion some interesting historical facts and legendary tales, as well as to give a clearer insight into the beautiful and well-equipped language of the fast disappearing race of red men who once occupied that country.

Most of these words have never appeared on the printed page, at least not in their present form; and those which the reader may have encountered in similar publications, will here be found interpreted either differently, or more fully.

Absolute freedom from errors and inaccuracies,

is not claimed; and scholars acquainted with the difficulty of the task will be the most lenient critics.

As to the extent of explanation, a middle course has been followed. Some readers, would be content with a simple interpretation; others, might ask for even more stringent proofs, or desire a still fuller account of the processes by which the results were obtained. Explanations which, to some, may appear mere verbiage, will, to severe critics, seem to be still wanting in completeness. Let the former pass over what is, to them, devoid of interest.

The terminology of Indian grammar, being as yet in an unsettled state, some liberty has been taken in this matter. Thus, by "formative," will be understood any single sound, syllable, or aggregate of syllables, that never appears as an independent word, but still conveys some *idea or concept*—often quite vague indeed—and obtains a definite meaning, or serves to determine the vague concept, when combined with other formatives or words, or when completed by mere formal

endings, or prefixes. The formative may be substantival, verbal, adjectival, or adverbial; also, a single root, a mutilated, enlarged, or metamorphosed root; or even the fragment of a compound; and employed in the way of a prefix, infix, or suffix. But, in all cases, it is to be distinguished from mere formal sounds or syllables, employed to show the *relation of ideas*, whether they be used in the form of prefix, infix, suffix, or of reduplication, augment, *et cetera*. This distinction may sometimes be difficult, or appear arbitrary; but, as a working rule, for the present purpose, it is convenient.

A word about the use of the short dashes, in this volume. They serve to show whether a formative, or any other component of a word, is employed as a prefix, infix, or suffix. Thus, in Mamonawangwatan, ma- (a formal syllable, a reduplication), is a prefix; so is mon- (a formative, a verbal, a metamorphosed root); -awang (a formative, a substantival, an enlarged root), is a suffix; -w- (a formal sound, a truncated verbal ending), is an infix; -atan (a formative, a verbal, an en-

larged root), is a suffix. The fact that mon-, and -awang, in the example here analyzed, appear in the form of infixes, is left out of consideration, their proper character being that of prefix and suffix, respectively. (See Monongahela.)

For the purpose of more definite explanation, let us take the word Kakiweonaning, "at the place where they cross a point by water." Kak-("straight," "right across," "diagonally"), is a formative (an adverbial, a simple root), that requires a terminal addition; hence the dash is placed at the end. In the present case, that addition is -iwe, a verbal ending implying action or motion in a general way. It gives the compound (kakiwe) the conventional meaning, "he crosses a point," "he travels straight across;" and, if no more be added, the journey will be understood to be made by land. Now, to derive from this verb a noun designating a place, and the manner of crossing, the formative -onan, "a boat channel," is added; thus, kakiweonan, "a place where one travels straight across in a canoe, or, by water." The formal ending, -ing, places the word in the

locative case; thus, "at the place where one travels straight across in a canoe, or, by water." (See Keweenaw.)

The accentuation of the Ojibwa names in this volume is a venture. Readers practically acquainted with the language will easily perceive that in many cases the acute accent (') has been placed on syllables pronounced with no other stress of voice than others not thus distinguished. But they will also find that all these syllables contain long vowels. To insure a perfect pronunciation, not only every long vowel should be marked as such, but also those pronounced very rapidly should be distinguished by a sign of quantity. Such a degree of accuracy being hardly required in a work not intended to teach the language, accents have been somewhat liberally employed to make up for the deficiency in this respect. Moreover, the accentuation of Ojibwa words is frequently optional (as in the French language), and cannot be determined with the same precision as in English.

Other words produced by means of the forma-

tives contained in this term, are e.g., kakakama-gad, "it is square;" (kak-kak-, "straight-straight," "straight on all sides;" -amagad, "it is thus;") giwideoonan, "a turning point leading into a channel;" (giwide-, "around," "turning;" -o, contracted from -wa, the last syllable in giwidewa, "he turns, sailing or rowing;" -onan, "a boat channel," from on-, "a canoe," and the substantive ending -an; inaonan, when used as an independent word.) (See Dctour.)

This example, while illustrating the manipulation of formatives, also shows how necessary it is for the successful analysis and full interpretation of Indian words, to leave not a single component untouched by the critical scalpel. The neglect of this rule has led to innumerable failures. Hence, in preparing this collection, that rule has been strictly adhered to in all cases, where the meaning was not sufficiently obvious and certain without applying that severe test; and whenever deemed desirable, the process has been embodied in the explanation. To do this in all cases would have swelled this volume to an undesirable size.

These remarks may serve as an apology, to the general reader, for the philological *minutiæ* embodied in this collection of Indian names. Of the approval, by linguists, of the course here followed, there can be no doubt, whether the results obtained agree with their own views, or not.

Approximate pronunciation of vowels and consonants in the Ojibwa and other Algic dialects, used in the text:

- a, as in father, though frequently short.
- e, as in net.
- g, as in get.
- i, as in live.
- o, as in bone.
- d, ℓ , i, δ , represent the nasal sounds of these vowels.

b, d, g, j, k, m, n, p, s, t, as in English; though the distinction between the sonant and surd mutes (b and p, d and t, g and k) is not so pronounced. In many instances these sounds are interchange-

able. The same holds good of j and ch, zh and sh. The sound of s sometimes approaches that of z. The letters f, l, r, and v, are not found in the Ojibwa alphabet, and in the case of older Indians these sounds are often utterly unpronounceable. They generally substitute b or p, for f and v; and n, for l and r.

w is pronounced as in English, or nearly so, except at the end of words, where aw is almost equivalent to ao; iw to iu; ow to o-o.

c and h, occur only in the combination ch, which is pronounced as in church.

For qu we write kw.

x (a compound sound) would have to be written ks, but this combination does not occur; whenever English ears hear it, it is in reality kas, kis, or kos; e.g., Metaxigay, or Met-ax-e-kay, properly Metakosige; Pawtuxet, from Pawitikoset.

ä is peculiar to the Menominee dialect. It has a sound intermediate between that of a in man and the same vowel in fare. The same, or nearly the same, sound occurs in the Delaware (Lenape) dialect, where the Moravian (German)

writers rendered it by the combination ae. Both of these dialects have also the gutteral German ch, pronounced as gh in the Celtic lough (or loch, as spelled in Gaelic and Irish).

The combination ai has almost the (diphthong) sound of the English i; in many words, however, each letter is distinctly pronounced. The same holds good of aa, ee, ii, oo, ae, ao, ou, and ei; pronounced ah-ah, ay-ay, e-e, et cetera.

In addition to the usual abbreviations of the names of states and territories, the following are used:

Co					. County.
L. H	. :	• , • •		I	Lake Huron.
L. S				. La	ke Superior.
L. M				. Lak	e Michigan.
S. of M.				Straits o	of Mackinac.
U. P. Mich	ı	. Uppe	r Pen	insula o	of Michigan.
L. P. Mich	ı	. Lowe	r Pen	insula c	of Michigan.

The particular locality to which the Indian name properly belongs (although the same geographical name may be found elsewhere) is in parenthesis following the geographical name.

Unless otherwise noted, the Indian words are in the Ojibwa (Chippewa) tongue, one of the best preserved and most widely known among the dialects of the great Algonkin family of languages.

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INDIAN NAMES.

Algonkin. French Algonquin; originally Algonmekin (Angomeki), a tribal name of obscure signification. It was first applied to the Indians of the Upper St. Lawrence and some of its northern tributaries; afterwards, to all the western tribes of a similar speech, such as the Ottawa, Ojibwa, Pottawatomies, Sacs and Foxes, the "Upper Algonkins," of the early French writers, and finally to all tribes of kindred speech, including the Micmacs, Abenakis, Delawares, and others in the east; the Illinois, Shawnees, and others in the south; the Crees and the Satsikaa, or "Blackfeet," in the north and northwest.

To distinguish the whole family from the Algonkins proper, or "Old Algonkins," all these Indians may be conveniently comprised under the name of the *Algic* tribes, or Indians of the *Algic* tongue. The term is of spurious coinage, but has

obtained sufficient currency to be considered legitimate.

A small remnant of the "Old Algonkins" now have their home on the Lake of Two Mountains, near Montreal. The early French missionaries studied their dialect, in preference to the Montagnais (in use on the Lower St. Lawrence), as more distinctly spoken, and more closely resembling the dialects of the "Upper Algonkins," among whom many of them went to labor. Among the Algic dialects, the Ojibwa is the most widely understood, and extensively studied. The nearest approach to the parent dialect, or original form of the language, is found in the Cree, Old Algonkin, Ojibwa, and Ottawa dialects.

Note.—Angomelchik, a name found in the Delaware "Walum Olum," but hardly yet explained, may have some connection with Algoumekin.

Ashland Bay. (Ashland Co., Wis.) Zhagd-wamik, in the locative Zhagawamikong, "long-stretched beaver." Zhagaw-, "oblong;" amik, "a beaver."

Probably the original form of the name was zhagawamika, locative zhagawamikag, "a long shoal," or "far-stretching breakers." Zhagaw-, "oblong;" minamika, -amika, "a shoal," "there are breakers."

The change of form and signification would seem to be due to a legend which runs thus: Menabosho, pursuing the Great Beaver from the St. Mary's River (where he broke his dams, and thus formed the upper and lower rapids), through his pond (Lake Superior), drove him into Ashland Bay. To secure his capture, Menabosho built a long dam from the south-shore to Madeline Island. While engaged in this work he threw handfulls of earth behind him into the outer lake, where they remain as the smaller Apostle Islands.

The dam being finished, Menabosho sure of having cornered his game, entered through the North Channel, between Madeline Island and Bayfield Peninsula, but, behold! the Great Beaver, digging out the South Channel (between Madeline Island and *Shagawamikon* Point), broke through Menabosho's dam, and escaped.

The width of the South Channel is now two and a half miles; but the older inhabitants say that formerly a point of land, extending from the western extremity of the island towards Shagawamikon, made it much narrower; and at one time, according to tradition, the distance was so short that an arrow could be shot across. The neck of the long point has been washed through, within the last thirty years.

Aurora Borealis. Chibayag nimitdiwag, Cree chipayak nimituwak, "the dead are dancing." Chibai, "a dead person," "a corpse," "a ghost;" nimi, "he is dancing;" nimitdiwag, "they are dancing with each other."

Chee-chee-ping-way. The Indian name of Alexander Robinson, ("Indian Robinson," also "Chief Robinson,") who was partly of Indian descent, and one of the best known characters in the early history of Chicago. Chichtbingwe, "Blinking Eyes;" thus nicknamed by the Indians on account of a physical peculiarity. Chibingweni,

or chichibingweni, "his eyes are twinkling;" from chib-, "moving rapidly hither and thither, or up and down;" -ingwe, "eye;" -eni, an ending of verbs referring to bodily states.

Chibai, "ghost;" and chibam, (Ottawa) "soul," are from the root chib; chichag (Ojibwa), "soul," is from chag, which has a similar meaning. The conception is that of a fluttering shadow. Sometimes they use Chichag for "shadow."

Chesapeake. (Bay.) Delaware Kichizhiwipck, or Kichisiwipek, "at the great salt water."
Ojibwa Kichizhiwibing, (Kichi-, "great;" zhiwi-,
"sour," "salty;" -bi, "water;") though ordinarily,
they now say zhiwitaganikichigami; zhiwitagan,
"salt;" kichigami, "great body of water."

Zhiwitagan literally means "something used for making things sour." This shows the modern origin of the term; for salt, as a spice, was a commodity unknown to the Indians before their acquaintance with the whites.

Chicago. (Ill.) Zhikagong, the locative case of zhikago, "a skunk," also used as a personal name.

Early French writers mention a chief named Chicagou, who lived near the site of the present city. According to tradition, Chicagou was drowned in the river.

Whatever may have been the occasion for applying that name to the locality, there can be no question about the etymology of the word. Algic proper names are very commonly derived from the name of animals by the addition of o. Thus Zhikágo, is zhikag used as a man's name; and zhikag, or zhigag, is the Mephitis Americana, or "skunk." The English term "skunk," itself is a corruption of the Abenaki form of the word, which is, sikango.

Some have sought to lend dignity to the term, by tracing in its first syllable, the second syllable of *kichi*, "great." This is plainly inconsistent with the Indian pronunciation of the name.

The origin of the word, however undignified, is plain: zhig, is the Latin mingere; and kag, or

gag, though now restricted to the porcupine species, was originally any horrid little beast; hence zhi-kag, is equal to bestiola foeda mingens.

Others have had recourse to zhigagawazh, "wild garlic;" but this does not help matters, for the ugly root zhig, is still there, followed by -agawazh, "a plant;" hence planta urinam redolens. (See Des Plaines.)

Connecticut. Kinnétikwat, "at the long river." Ojibwa genwatigweyag, or genwatigong; from gino-, "long;" and -tigweya, "the water runs." The verbal -tigweya is derived from tigow, "a wave;" and this from the root tig, from which we have -atig, "a tree;" and -tig, -shtigwan, "head;" the common idea being that of "top," "elevation."

Detroit. (Mich.) From the French Le Détroit, "The Strait," i. e., the passage between Lakes St. Clair and Erie.

The Indian name is Wawiyatanong, the locative case of Wawiyatan, "the river turns," or "a

curving channel." Wawiya-, "round" (circular, or semi-circular); -atan, "the river runs thus," "a channel." (Compounds with this ending are used as verbs or nouns.) Hence the name of the Weatanons, Ouatanons, or Weas, a small tribe, now at the Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory. Their original home seems to have been at the turn of the Illinois river near Hennepin (Ill.), which also bore the name of Wawiyatan. (See Appleton.)

Eskimo. Eshkibod, "one who eats his food (meat) raw." Ashk-, "raw," "green;" -pwa, "to taste," to eat."

From the root ashk, in the Massachusetts dialect asq, plural asquash, we have the word "squash." In Ojibwa, the term eshkandaming, "what is eaten raw," from the same root, is used for melons, cucumbers, et cetera.

The Micmac form of the word is said to be Eskimook, or Eskumoga; Cree Ayiskimew.

Frenchman. Wémitigózhi (Cree Wemistikozhi), "one who has a canoe (vessel) of wood." Mitig, "tree," "wood;" -on, (Cree osi, ozhi,) "canoe," "boat," "ship;" omitigoni (Cree omistikosi), "he has a wooden boat." The change of the initial o into we, makes the participle. The change of n to zh is quite common.

The term dates from the first appearance of the French in the St. Lawrence River, when their vessels excited the admiration of the natives. Among the Cree, the word is now also applied to any white or civilized man; just as the Ojibwa call whites of any nationality *Kichimokomanag*, "Big Knives;" which originally meant Virginians, and later, Americans.

Garden River. (Ontario. A tributary of St. Mary's River.) Kitigànistbi, "Plantation River." Kit-, kichi-, "notching," "hacking;" kitige, "he plants," "he makes a garden;" kitigan, "a plantation."

In the beginning of this century, the Indians living on that stream raised all the corn needed for the fur trade in the Lake Superior country. Gogokázhogan, or "The Bridge of the Dead." The meaning of this word is not "Owl Bridge" (Kokokoo-azhogan), as has been suggested, but "unsteady bridge;" from the reduplicated root gok, goshk, gwashk, "trembling," "jumping." Azhogan, "a bridge;" from azhoge (azhaw, "on the other side"), "he crosses over."

The bridge of the dead consists of a tree so lightly supported that it swings up and down, when the soul of the departed steps on it to cross the river which must be passed in order to reach the "happy hunting grounds;" consequently many fail, and falling into the river are changed into toads. Similar myths are met with among most Indian tribes throughout America, not to speak of the ancient beliefs of the old world.

Housatonic. Wassatinak, the New England form of the Ojibwa Awassadinang, "beyond the mountain (or mountains)." Awass, "further," "beyond;" -adin, "there is high land."

Huron Islands. (Marquette Co., Mich., L. S.)

Manakonaning, "whither they go for moss." Man-,

contracted from mawan-, "to go for;" wakon, "moss," "lichen;" -ing, locative affix.

The lichen referred to is the edible gyrophoea known by the French name of tripe de roche, "stone tripe;" in time of starvation used for making soup. Ojibwa ozhashakon, from ozhash, "slippery," "gelatinous;" and wakon, "moss." Other species are windigowakon, "giant's (windigo) moss;" missabenjakon, (missabe, "great man;" -oji, "abdomen," "bowels;") "great man's bowels' moss;" both names referring to a legend in which Menabosho changed his bowels, or other parts of his body, into eatable moss.

Illinois. This is the French rendering of Intnowe (pronounced e-nee-no-wa), the Indian name of the large tribe which once dwelt on the Illinois River. The substitution of the letters ll for n, is accounted for by the circumstance that the l sound being wanting in many of the Algic dialects, the Indians of that speech generally change it into n when trying to pronounce it in foreign words. Now, by a curious process,—not without its analo-

gies in other linguistic phenomena,—the whites, when pronouncing Algic words containing the n sound, frequently replace this by the l. The Indians say Noe, Nossi, Binib, and Nazhenekwe, for the French Louis, Lucie, Phillipe, and L'Angélique; while the French have changed the Indian Mishinimakinang, Minewag, Okaganing, and Ininowe, into Michillimakinac, Milouaki or Melleoki (Milwaukee), Kakalin, and Illinois.

The word *Ininowe*, is the Illinois form of a name apparently once common to all the Algic tribes. Its original form, probably *ininawe*, or *aninawe*, underwent various modifications with the breaking up of the parent tribe and the consequent formation of dialects.

With the Crees it became *nehiyaw*, *ninawe*, and *neithawe*; and with the Algonkins proper, *niina*. It appears in the *lennilenape* of the Delawares, and in the corresponding *anishinabe* (originally *inininabe*, *anininabe*,) of the Ojibwa, Ottawa, *et cetera*.

Etymologically, the word consists of inin, "simply," "without any specification;" and awe, "a

living being;" and means "a person," and in the plural, "people."

Readers superficially acquainted with some one of the Algic tongues, will be apt to doubt the correctness of this explanation, since the words inin, and awe, are probably unknown to them; nor are they to be found in dictionaries. Neither of them, it is true, occurs independently, but their meaning is evident from such combinations as the following: Zhishib, means a duck of any kind; while ininishib means "the common duck," "the duck that has no other name." Kinosew, (Cree) etymologically "long mouth," is any sort of fish; iyinikinosew, is the fish, "the fish that has no other name," "a pike." Other examples are ininatig, "a maple;" ininandag, "a spruce;" Cree iyinimin (Ojibwa min), "a huckleberry;" et cetera.

Awe appears in oshkinawe, "a youth;" awessi, "an animal;" awenen, "who;" awegwen, "some one unknown to me;" tibinawe, "self;" in hawatok (Menominee), "a spirit," literally "who may he be," and Maj-Hawatok, "the Great Unknown,"

i. e., God; also in awenuts, the New England form of hawatok, and once applied to the whites, who were for some time looked upon as "spirits," or superior beings.

Kaukauna. (Outagamie Co., Wis.) Ogákaning, "at the place where pickerels are caught."

Little Kaukauna, farther down on the Fox River, is the locality mentioned by Father Allouez, and by him called Kekalin. He made the portage May 18, 1670. (See Kawkawlin River.)

Lake Winnebago. (Wis.) The Indians now call it *Winibigo-Sagaigan*, "the Lake of the Winnebago Indians;" but the original name was *Winibi* (pronounced *win-ne-be*), "dirty water;" in the locative case, *Winibing*; or, in the southern Algonkin dialects, *Winibig*. *Winipeg*, is the Cree form of the same word.

From the Lake, the Winnebago Indians, who lived in that neighborhood before they moved to Green Bay, received their Algonkin name; and the early French, being informed of the fact that

the tribe had formerly lived on the "dirty water," were led into the erroneous belief that the tribe had formerly lived on the sea, or on salt water, which the Indians also called "dirty water."

This circumstance accounts for Nicolet's much discussed assertion that on his voyage to Green Bay he was within *three* days' journey of the sea.

A three days' sail from Green Bay, would have brought him to Winibig, the "dirty water."

The assumption that he reached a point within three days' journey of either the Wisconsin or the Mississippi, and mistook the Mishisibi, "the great river," for the ocean, is entirely improbable. No one acquainted with the Algic tongues, as he was, would have made such a mistake; for sibi never means any other than running water.

There is absolutely nothing in the account of Nicolet's journey (Relations of 1643,) that would make a trip up the Fox River probable; no more so than the diversion to the Rapids of St. Mary, which has also been surmised. The assertion that, by the word "sea," Nicolet meant "a river lead-

ing to the sea," should be supported by at least one analogous example, to obtain credit.

The removal of the Winnebagoes from Lake Winnebago to Green Bay, was caused by the Dakota raids mentioned in the *Relations of the Jesuits*. The shores of the lake were still uninhabited in 1670, for that very reason.

Leech Lake. (Minn.) Gasagáskwajiméka, "there are leeches there;" generally used in the locative case, Gasagaskwajimekang.

Sagaskwaajime, "a leech." Saga-, "coming forth;" -skw- (-skwi, -skwa, the radical part of miskwi), "blood;" oji-, "drawing in;" -m-, "mouth;" (as in ashama, "he is fed," "something is put in his mouth;" ojibvemo, "he speaks Ojibwa;") -e, a substantive ending, for the names of beasts, birds, fishes, et cetera; hence, sagaskwajime, "a beast that makes come forth blood by drawing with the mouth," "a blood-sucker." (Sangsue, the French for "leech," also means "blood-sucker.") The prefix ga-, and the ending -ka, are explained elsewhere.

Les Chenaux. (Mackinac Co., Mich.) "The Channels;" the plural of the French le chenal, "the channel." The Ojibwa name is Anaminang, "in the bowels." Anamina, "underneath," "in the body." The name refers to the intricate tortuosity of the channels.

Manitoulin Island. (L. H.) Manitowaning, "at the Spirit's cave." Manito, "a supernatural being;" wazh, "the den of a wild animal;" -ing, locative ending. Wazh is a modification of wan, "hollow;" (e. g., wanike, "he digs a hole.") The term refers to a "lightning hole" on the rocky shore of the deep inlet on the north side of the island. This hole was believed to be the den of the Spirit-Snake,—personified lightning.

The form *Manitoulin* is a corruption of *Manitoualin*, which is the French rendering of *Manitowaning*.

The Indians generally call it *Otawaminiss*, "Ottawa Island;" as the ancient home of that tribe and now again inhabited by a considerable number of them.

Its Huron name was Ekaentolon.

Manitou Payment. (Mackinac Co., Mich.) A French corruption of the Ojibwa Manito Bimwa, "the shooting of the Spirit."

LEGEND. Mishimakwa, the Big Bear, a spirit of the great lakes, had wantonly slain Menabosho's nephew and ward Mainganes, the Little Wolf.

The hero, wan and haggard from grief, and planning revenge, wandered along the shore until he discovered the playground of Mishimakwa and his spirit companions. It was on the sand beach at the foot of the clay banks (*Les Ecores*), east of Manitou Payment Point. There Menabosho waited his chance. His stratagem and success are related by the Indian story tellers, with appropriate pantomines, in this wise: The sun stood high. The spirits emerged from their mansions under the water; Mishimakwa and *Mishiginebig* (the Big Serpent), with the *Nibanabeg* (Half-Fish Men), and other monstrous beings. They played and gamboled on the broad smooth beach, like happy children.

Menabosho stood on high at the brink of the bank, silent and motionless. His toes had spread out, and, root-like, worked themselves into the loose soil.

His nether limbs and his trunk were scaly and spotted with patches of lichen. His unevenly extended arms looked knotty and crooked, like the limbs of a tree hoary with age, and his fingers like its leafless branches. Thus stood Menabosho motionless.

Tiwe! ("hello") cried the Big Serpent, what is that up there? A tree? No, brothers, I tell you,

it is not a tree. There was no tree there before. Perhaps it is Menabosho.

If it be Menabosho, said the Big Bear, we shall soon know it. I will try him.

Ugh, ugh, shouted the spirits.

Mishimakwa climbed the bank, stood up against the tree-like man, hugged him, scratched and scratched, till the scaly bark came down in pieces from his flanks and back. It pained Menabosho, but he did not wince. He neither shivered nor moaned.

The Great Bear loosened his hold, rolled down the bank, and quietly walked back to his companions.

It is *not* Menabosho, he said to them. I have tried him.

Easy, easy! whispered the Big Serpent. Be on your guard! Menabosho is wily. Let me try him.

Ugh, ugh, shouted the spirits.

Mishiginebig went to work. With mighty folds he twisted around the trunk of the man-tree, up to the spreading limbs; and then he began to squeeze him. It pained Menabosho, but he bore it without a moan.

Once more the Big Serpent tightened his folds, and squeezed with twofold power. The pain was so great, Menabosho gasped for breath; but he did not moan.

And again Mishiginebig tried him. With all his might he squeezed the man-tree. It was beginning to be too much, even for Menabosho. Another squeeze and he would have cried out; but Mishiginebig gave up, satisfied with the trials.

Slowly he unfolded his coils, and glided down the bank,

It is *not* Menabosho, said he. I have tried him. Menabosho is a coward. He would have moaned. Come, comrades, to our sport again!

Thus spoke Mishiginebig. Again the spirits

gamboled on the broad, smooth beach.

After a while they rested. Scattered on the

shining sand, they lay basking in the sun.

This is thy time, Menabosho! He does not stir. Easy, easy! See his arms move, slowly, cautiously, keep still! He draws an arrow from his quiver, a sharp, stone-tipped arrow. Easy, easy! The bow is in his hand; *Kichimitigwab*, Menabosho's good bow. Keep still! The arrow is on the string. He draws it back with might. The arrow flies.

Whoop! whoop!!! whoop!!! the war-whoop seunds from on high. The monsters are startled. The tree is gone; Menabosho's war-whoop resounds through the woods. The spirits scamper. Mishimakwa lies on the ground, dying. The arrow sticks in his heart.

It was Menabosho.

Note.—A tall pine overlooking the Epoufette settlement and visible from a great distance, has, in the Indian mind, some connection with this fabulous event.

(The sequel to this legend can be found under Misha Mokwa.)

Mauch Chunk. (Carbon Co., Penn.) Delaware Maskáchiwink, "on the bear mountain;" corresponding to the Cibwa Makwajiwing; from makwa (Delaware musko), "a bear;" and wajiw, "a mountain." (See Bear Creek.)

Metomen. Mandámin, "a grain of corn (maize);" used as a personal name. Pottawatomie matamin, Ottawa mindamin, "large grain;" from mind-, mand-, "large."

Mandaminês, "Little Corn," was the Indian name of the famous voyageur Nicolas Perrot. A Pottawatomie of the same name (Man-daw-min) was one of the signers of the first (1821) Indian Treaty made at Chicago.

Missouri River. (1.) Mishonistbi, or Meshonistbi, "River of the Big Canoe Tribe;" "River of the Big-Tubs;" "Mandan River."

Mishi-, mish-, "large;" -on, "canoe," "vessel;" -i, verbal ending; mishoni, "he has (or sails in) a large canoe;" meshonid, "one who owns (or uses) a large canoe." When a participle is used

as a proper noun, the ending d is generally dropped; and in this case, the change of the first vowel is also sometimes omitted; as, e. g., in Wemitigozhi, "a Frenchman;" instead of Wemitigozhid, from omitigone, "he has a wooden canoe."

The name *Mishoni* appears on old maps, and is mentioned by early writers, under the guise of *Missourites*, the ending, *tes*, being added by the French, according to their custom; the *sh* changed to *ss* (as in Mississippi); and *n* turned into *r*, also a matter of frequent occurrence. Accordingly, *La rivière des Missourites*, or the *River of the Massorites*, as Coxe has it, is the "River of the Big Canoe Tribe."

Among the Indians who lived upon the upper Missouri, in the seventeenth century, the allied *Mandans, Arickarees*, and *Gros Ventres*, are the only ones now known to have made use (as a rule) of boats different from those of all other tribes, — not large, indeed, but of a very peculiar construction. They were the so-called "bullboats," made of wickerwork in the shape of a tub and covered with skins; and, though but

about five feet in diameter, capable of holding six persons.

If not large canoes, they were certainly large tubs; and *Mishoni* means also "one who uses a large tub;" for the formative -on (from the root wan, "hollow"), originally signified any kind of hollow fixture or vessel, as, e. g. in the word onagan, "a dish." Any of those three tribes, then, or the whole confederacy, may be the people whose ancient Algic name is preserved in the name of the Missouri River.

This surmise would gain strength, if the name Mandan could be proved to be also of Algic origin, like Sioux, Winnebago, and the current names of several other tribes of different speech. In that case, its most obvious interpretation would be the same as that of Mishoni; for mandoni, or mindoni (from mand-, or mind-, "large"), and mangoni (from mang-, "big"), likewise mean "he has a large canoe;" and any of these words might in the course of time, or in the mouth of white speakers, have become Mandan.

(2.) Péngwiwánowèsibi, "River of the Painted

Cheeks;" "Piegan River." *Pingwi*, "ashes," "dust," "paint in the form of powder;" *pingwiwiiwe*, "he powders a person;" -now, -anow, "cheek;" *pingwiwanowe*, "he has powdered cheeks," or "his cheeks are painted."

This name was mentioned to Father Marquette in the form of *Pekitanoui*, most likely by the Illinois, whose dialect differs very much from that of the Ojibwa. *Pekitanoui* is said to signify "muddy water," or "muddy river," which, in the Cree dialect, would be *pikagamisipiy*, *pikagamichiwan*, *pikinichiwan*, or, simply, *pikittin*.

The last of these terms would explain a part of the name *Pekitanoui*; but the ending *-anoui* must be accounted for. Now, the Cree *pikinanawew* (from *pikin-*, "powder," and *-anaway*, "cheek"), is the same as the Ojibwa *pingwiwanawe*; and changing the first n to t (a frequent transition in the Algic languages), we obtain *pikitanawew*, which resembles Father Marquette's *Pekitanoui*, as closely as can be desired.

The name, then, would seem to refer, like Mishoni, to a tribe living on the Missouri (or

some of its tributaries), whose peculiarity was to paint the cheeks. And, in fact, there is such a tribe. In the sign language of the western Indians, the Piegans are still known as the "Cheek-Painters," or "Painted Cheeks." (See the gesture in "The Indian Sign Language," by W. P. Clark, U. S. Army.) And their Cree name, Pikanowiyiniw (from pik-"muddy," "dirty;" and -anaway, "cheek"), means "dirty cheek man."

The river itself is now called, in Cree, Pieganowisipiy, "Piegan River."

As to the transition from *n* to *t* or *d*, and *vice versa*, compare Cree *atak*, and Ojibwa *anang*, "a star;" Ojibwe *inwe*, and Cree *itowe*, "he speaks such a language;" Ottawa *zhizhodewaam*, and Cree *sisonehaam*, "she sails along the beach." It is possible, however, that *Pekitanwi* was a misunder-standing on the part of Father Marquette, and that the name given to him was *Pekinanwi*.

Mindemoya Lake. (Manitoulin Island, L. H.) Mindimóyeságaigan, "Old Woman Lake." It has its name from an island, which is said to bear

a striking resemblance to a woman floating on the water, and therefore called by the Indians *Mindimoye*, "the old woman."

Monkey. Nandomákoméshi, "louse-searching beast." Nandomakome, "he is searching for lice;" -shi, a substantive ending, for the name of beasts, birds, insects, et cetera.

Cree ayisinakesk, also otayisinakesk, "one who is in the habit of imitating."

Monongahela. (River in Pennsylvania.) Memonáwangehélak (Delaware), the participle of Mamonawangehela, "the river is digging away its shores."

The Ojibwa equivalent is Mondwangwatan, or Mamondwangwatan, in the participle, Memonawangwatang. Monawe, "he is digging;" (e. g. monaapini, "he is digging potatoes;" monashkwe, "he is tearing out weeds;") -awang, "sand," "sand bank;" (e. g. mitawanga, "the beach consists of pure sand;") monawangwe, "he is digging out sand;" -atan, "there is a water-course;" "the

stream is acting in such a way." The reduplication of the first syllable (mo, as customary, being changed to ma,) marks the repeated action. The Delaware termination -hela, (-hella, -henna,) signifies "running water;" like the Ojibwa sibi, -tigweya, and -atan.

Instead of *monawangwatan*, the Ojibwa usually say *metatawangwatan*; from *met-*, "wearing out;" -atawang, "sand bank;" and -atan, as above.

The French rendering of Mamonawangehela, is Malanguélé. (See La Pointe, for mon-; Sandy Lake, for -awang; and Detroit, for -atan.)

Mudjekeewis. "The West-Wind; father of Hiawatha;" in Longfellow's poem. Majtkiwiss, "the first-born son;" from maji-, "beginning;" and the obsolete kiwis, "man." Hence akiwesi, "an old man;" kwiwises, "a boy;" -gwiss, "a son."

Nahma. (Delta Co., Mich.) Namè, "a sturgeon." The town is situated on Sturgeon River (Namesibi).

The Delaware namaes, pronounced namäs, is

the diminutive form of this word, but in that dialect means "fish." This is the meaning of name (-ameg) in other dialects also, whenever it forms part of compounds, such as, e. g. Ojibwa nameteg, zhigwameg, "dried fish;" Cree wabamek, "a whitish fish;" attikamek, "a white-fish."

The Delaware *Namasisipee*, "Fish River," mentioned in the traditional account of their wanderings, is the same word.

The pronunciation of \ddot{a} in the Delaware dialect is practically the same as in Menominee,—a sound intermediate between a in man, and ay, with somewhat of a nasal tone.

Ottawa. One of the largest and most advanced Algic tribes, and nearly related with the Ojibwa. Otawa, plural Otawag, shortened from the obsolete odawáwe, Cree odattaw, "he has (owns) fur." (From -wawe, -awe, "fur," we have e. g. minwawe, "it has a good fur;" bissagwawe, "it has a thick costly fur;" atawe, "he traffics;" atawagan, "peltry" (in trade); Cree nandawaganew, "he hunts for fur.")

Like the names of many other tribes (as well as of some nations, ancient and modern), this name is of foreign origin. It was first given by the Algonkins on the St. Lawrence to one of the Ottawa clans on the east shore of Georgian Bay, who opened the fur trade with the French (descending by way of the Ottawa River), and, for some time, claimed its monopoly. From these, it passed to other clans of like speech, and for some time, was even applied to all the "Upper Algonkins;" (Pottawatomies, Ojibwa, Menominees, et cetera.)

The French first called the tribe Cheveux Relevés, "Standing Hairs," from their fashion of wearing the hair in crest-like shape; afterwards, Outaouan, Ondataonaouat (pronounced odatawawa); and finally Outaouak, and Outawais.

The term Cheveux Relevés has made room for the more modern name Courtes Oreilles, "Short Ears." This is an erroneous translation of Otawag Kishkakoyag (or Kishkakosag), "Otawa of the Short-tailed Bear Totem," one of the most prominent clans of the tribe. (Kishkitawage, "his ear is cut off," or "his ear is shortened;" a part being cut off.) (See Kish-kau-ko.)

Penetanguishene. (Ontario, Canada.) Benatawangwishing "where the sand slides down the bank." Bin-, bina-, "coming off," "dropping," "casting" (as in binawe, "it moults;" binakwi, "the trees shed their leaves;" binagidoneshka, "the skin comes off his lips"); mitawanga, "there is sand on the shore;" hence binatawanga, "the sand slides down the bank." The remaining part of the word may include the vituperative or commiserative ending -ish (as in Nadowekweyamishing; see St. Ignace), or the formative -ishin, "it lies thus."

Pontiac. Ottawa Bwanédiyag, or Bonitiyak, "Anchor." Bon- "stopping;" anit, "a spear;" -ak, "a stick;" anitiyak, "a spear handle;" hence bonitiyak, a stick planted in the ground to anchor (stop) a canoe.

The term is not in common use; they say instead, bonakajigan, from bonakajiga, "he stops something (bon-), by means of a stick (-ak)."

The name just suits the famous chief Pontiac, who was the last anchor of the Indian cause.

Pyramid Rock. (Mackinac Island, Mich.)

Petakdbikideg dzhibik, "standing rock." Petakideg, "standing," "sticking in the ground;" -abik,
"hard mineral;" azhibik, "rock."

The term *petakabikideg*, is a sample of the curious system of compounding words, called "incapsulation." An imitation of the word in English, would be *stick-stone-up-ing*, instead of *sticking up stone*.

The modern name, "Sugar-Loaf Rock," would be translated, sisibakwatong ezhinagwak azhibik, "sugar shaped rock."

Quebec. (Canada.) Montagnais Kawdpak, "where the river is narrow." Ojibwa gawibwak, the archaic participle of wibwa, "it becomes narrow;" Cree wapa, "a strait."

Quinnesec. (Menominee County, Mich.)

Pekwénesseg, "where the river forms smoke
(spray)." Pakwene "there is smoke," "a rising

cloud of smoke;" -esse, "the river runs thus;" the change of a to e, and the final g, make the participle.

Pekwénesseg is the name of a fall of the Menominee River, in the neighborhood of the village. A few miles distant there are the "Little Quinnesec Falls;" Ojibwa Pekwénessês.

Sachem. Ságima, "a chief." From sag-, "coming forth," or "rising above."

Sagamore is a corruption of the same word.

Saskatchiwan. (River in Canada.) Cree Kisiskachiwan, "the river runs rapidly." Ojibwa Kizhijiwan, from kizhi-, "fast," and -ijiwan, -jiwan, "the river runs thus."

Saut Ste. Marie. (Mich.) Father Dablon named the mission established by him at the foot of the rapids in 1668, Sainte Marie du Sault, "Saint Mary's of the Rapids." Saut, is the modern spelling; "Soo," the popular pronunciation.

From the word Saut, "falls," or "rapids," the Ojibwa tribe obtained its French name, Sauteux.

At first, those only whose home was at the "Soo" were called by that name; but by degrees it passed to all Indians of the same speech. The spelling "Sauteur," though very common, is wrong; this word is pronounced differently, and denotes "a springer," or "a jumper."

The Indian name of the town or rapids is Bawtting, from bawitig, "rapids." This is an abbreviation of bawitigweya, "the river is beaten into spray." (Some Indians pronounce it bagwiting, "where the river is shallow.")

The Ojibwa band residing at the Saut were called Bawitigówininiwer, or Bawiting-dázhi-ininiwag, "Men of the Rapids."

The Indians have no general name for St. Mary's River; but have for the lakes into which it expands. The mouth of the river is called *Giwideoonaning*, "where they sail around a point."

Pawtucket, Powatan, Pawcatuck, Pawtuxet (Ojibwa Bawitigosing, "at the little falls"), and many other similar names in different dialects, are of the same root as bawitig, and denote a fall or rapids. The root is baw, "to scatter by striking;"

hence, e. g. bawinigode, "it is shaken off;" bawisi-deshimono, "he shakes the dust (or snow) off his feet." Cree pawahamoyaw, "the snow falls off the trees." (See Detour.)

Shiawassee. (River in L. P. of Mich.) Azhaòwésse (generally used as a participle, Azhao-wessig), "it runs back and forwards," "the river twists about." Azhaw-, "across," "from one side to the other" (as in azhawa, "he crosses a body of water;" azhaok, "from one side to the other"); and -esse, "the river runs thus." A look at the map shows the appropriateness of the term, especially if you compare the course of the Shiawassee with that of the Tittabawassee.

Sun-Dial. Dibaigisisswan, "sun-measure." Dibaigan, "measure;" gisiss, "sun."

The only sun-dial known to the Indians in their untutored state was a stick or twig stuck into the ground or snow, with a line traced in the direction of its shadow. This contrivance was, and is still, used by travelers. The intention is to let those in the rear know the time of the day at which the advance party started from, or passed, the spot thus marked.

At present, dibaigisisswan is the name of a watch, clock, or any time-piece.

Tadoussac. (Canada.) *Totoshak*, "breasts." The place is so called from its landmark, two dome-shaped mountains.

Thermometer. Kissina-dibábishkódeg, "where the cold is weighed," "cold-balance," "cold-scales." Kissina, "it is cold;" dib-, tip-, "equal," "opposite;" -abishk, -abik, "stone," "metal;" -ode, verbal ending; -g; participle ending. Dibabishkode, "it is weighed," literally means, "it is balanced by means of a stone (or piece of metal)."

The archaic form -abishk (now -abik; Massachusetts -ambsk; Cree -abisk), shows that the term is not of modern coining, and, consequently, that the Ojibwa made use of weights before civilization reached them.

Totem. Ode, "family," "gens," "family mark," "ancestral animal." Whenever this word is used in the sense of "family mark," or "ancestral animal," it is invariably connected with a personal pronoun; and as in this case the connective d, and the possessive ending m are required, it has passed into the French and English languages under the form of dodem, or totem.

Here are some examples of its use. Nizhode ayawag, "there are two families there." Wedetojig, "persons living together in a village." Nindodem, "my family mark," "my ancestral animal." Migisi nind ododeminan, "I have the eagle for my totem." Makwan odododeminan, "his totem is the bear."

The principal totems of the Ojibwa tribe are, the bear (makwa), the crane (ajijak), the marten (wabizheshi), the catfish (manameg), the wolf (maingan), the loon (mang), the moose (môs), the burbot (awassi, awassissi), the bear's sirloin (noke), the pigeon-tail (aawe), the eagle (migisi). Others, less wide-spread, are the reindeer (atik), the "merman" (nibanabe), the lynx (bishiw), the

black duck (makateshib), the pike (ginozhe), the whitefish (atikameg), the sucker (namebin), the beaver (amik), the wild goose (nika), the gull (gayashk), the hawk (kekek).

Most of these totems are also found among the Ottawa, together with the following: the rattle-snake (*zhishigwe*), the water-snake (*omissandamo*), the sturgeon (*name*), the sparrow-hawk (*pipigiwisês*), the thunder, or thunder-bird (*animiki*), and the fork (*nissawakwad*).

Wabash. (River in Indiana and Illinois.) Wabashkikisibi, "Bog River." Wabashkiki, "a bog," "a marsh;" from wab-, "white;" -ashk, "grass;" -iki, "ground."

Washington Island. (Green Bay, Wis.) Wassékiganéso, "his (sweat-covered) breast is shining." Wasse-, "shining;" kakigan, "breast;" -eso, the ending of many verbs referring to the condition of the human body. This compound is used when a man is perceived at a distance, by the reflection of the sunbeams from his bare breast

covered with perspiration; e. g. while paddling a canoe. The term is properly applicable to persons only; by a bold figure of speech it has been transferred to that island, visible at a great distance when its perpendicular white cliffs reflect the light of the sun.

The first name found on maps, was "Pottawattomie Island" (*Potewatamiminiss*); it having been occupied by that tribe about the middle of the 17th century.

The French name was *Isle des Poux*; from the nickname of those Indians. This name led some map makers to call it "Louse Island" (*Pou*, "a louse").

Wicomico. (River in Maryland.) Delaware Wikómika (Ojibwa wigiwamika), "there are houses (lodges, wigwams) there."

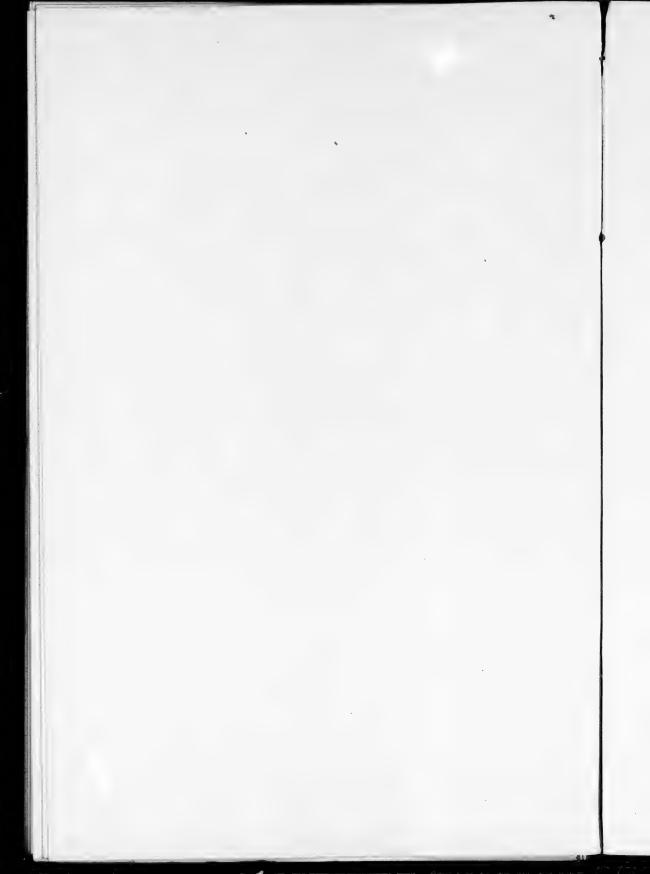
The term for "house," among the Ojibwa, is wakaigan; for "lodge," wigiwam; while the Ottawa use the latter word for both houses and lodges, reserving the term wakaigan for a fortified enclosure, "a fort." Both words are appar-

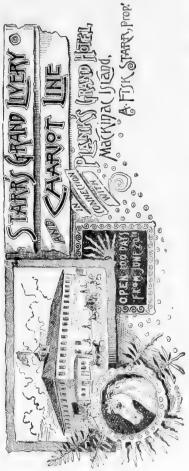
ently derived from the root wag, wak, or wik, "something round," which appears in the following derivatives; wakwi (Ottawa), "heaven;" waginogan, "a round lodge;" wikweya, "there is a bay;" wak, "spawn;" and many others, including those derived from the form washk, as washkosse, "he makes a crooked route;" meaning "he walks circuitously;" wawashkamo, "the trail is crooked;" and probably also wawashkeshi, "a deer."

Yenadizze. The "idler and gambler," in Longfellow's Hiawatha. Ainadisi, "he behaves in different ways," "he leads a roving life;" anoch ainadisi, "he conducts himself oddly;" the iterative form of inadisi, "he behaves thus;" from in-(izhi-), "so;" and -adisi, "he is," "he behaves."

York Island. (One of the Apostle Islands, L. S.) Gamiskwábimizhíkang, "where red willows abound," or "where there is plenty of Kinnikinick." Miskwabimizh, "red willow;" -ika, "it is plentiful there;" ga-, an obsolete participial prefix.

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MACKINAC ISLAND

9 o'elock a. m.

ARRIVING AT

SAULT STE MARIE 6 o'elock p. m.

LEAVES

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Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays,

ARRIVES AT

MACKINAC ISLAND

2.30 o'clock p. m.

CHEBOYCAN

5 o'clock p. m.

STOPPING AT ALL PLACES OF LANDING ON THIS ROUTE.

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CHIPPEWA HOUSE

Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

100 ROOMS.

Terms, \$2.00 and \$2.50 per Day.

HEADQUARTERS FOR THE ARMY AND NAVY.

' HEADQUARTERS FOR ALL FISHING CLUBS.

The Chippewa House is conveniently located on Water Street, (nearer the river than any other hotel in the city), a few yards from where all the passengers are landed who arrive by boat; fifty yards from the mail. entrance to Fort Brady, (the Army Officers messing at the Chippewa), and one hundred yards from the Canal Locks.

Electric lights in every room, and the house fitted with all modern conveniences. No danger from fires, as the rooms are on the ground floor, or up but one flight of stairs.

All passengers arriving by boat will save carriage hire to and from all boats, by stopping at the Chippewa.

Ferry boats running to the Canada side of the river start every fifteen minutes from the wharf opposite the Chippewa.

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THE NEW MACKINAC

(Built in 1888, upon the site of the old "Mackinac House," which was burned in January, 1887.)

MACKINAC ISLAND, - - MICH.

100 GOOD BED ROOMS.

Terms, \$2.00 and \$2.50 Per Day.

This house is well arranged for the comfort of tourists, and is conveniently located opposite the end of the only passenger wharf on the Island. The furniture, carpets, etc., are all new.

The house is equipped with electric bells, and all modern conveniences.

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This hotel has been built and arranged for the special comfort and convenience of summer boarders.

On arrival, each guest will be asked how he likes the situation, and if he says the hotel ought to have been placed upon Fort Holmes or on Round Island, the location of the hotel will be immediately changed.

Corner front rooms, up only one flight, for every guest. Baths, gas, electricity, hot and cold water, laundary, telegraph, restaurant, fire alarm, bar-room, billiard table, daily papers, sewing marbine, grand piano, and all other modern conveniences in every room. Meals every minute, if desired, and consequently no second table. English, French and German dictionaries furnished every guest, to make up such a bill of fare as he may desire.

Waiters of any nationality and color desired. Every waiter furnished with a libretto, button-hole boquet, full dress suit, ball tablet, and his hair parted in the middle.

Every guest will have the best seat in the dlning hall and the best waiter in the house.

Our clerk was carefully educated for this hotel, and he is prepared to please everybody. He is always ready to sing any song you desire, play upon your favorite musical instrument, match worsted, take a hand at draw-poker, play billiards, study astronomy, lead the german, amuse the children, make a fourth at whist, or flirt with any young lady, and will not mind being "cut dead when Pa comes down." He will attend to the telephone and answer all questions in Choctaw, Chinese, Chippewa, Volapuk, or any other of the Court languages of Europe.

The proprietor will always be happy to hear that some other hotel is "the bes in the country." Special attention given to parties who can give information as to "how these things are done in Boston."

For climate, beautiful scenery and health, Mackinac Island cannot be surpassed; only one funeral in 1887,—the patient called a doctor.

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